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Identical letters dated 10 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you that I have received instructions from my Government to convey to you of the following:

At 8.30 a.m. on 11 June 2001 a patrol of the Saudi Frontier Force at the Saddawi post in the Rafha' sector in the Kingdom's northern province saw a vehicle alongside the Iraqi berm but inside Saudi territory. The Saudi patrol was deployed in the direction of the vehicle in question. Seven persons were subsequently seen standing on the berm, and then three of them crossed it and penetrated 500 metres inside Saudi territory. When the Saudi Frontier Force patrol proceeded in their direction, those who had remained standing on the berm fired on it. The Saudi patrol exchanged fire with them, forcing them to take flight into Iraqi territory. When the scene of the incident was searched, contraband was found consisting of 45 double slabs of hashish weighing 44.653 kilograms.

The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia requests that the Iraqi authorities be urged to halt these violations of Saudi Arabia's borders and to prevent illegal entry into its territory, activities that seek to undermine security and stability in the area.

I should be grateful if you would bring this incident to the attention of the members of the Security Council and if you would have this letter circulated as a Council document.

(*Signed*) Fawzi Bin Abdul Majeed **Shobokshi**
Ambassador
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